

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Health Care Financing Administration**
[HCFA-1081-N]**Medicare Program; June 24, 1999, Meeting of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee and the Area Advisory Committee for the Kansas City Metropolitan Area****AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) and the Area Advisory Committee (AAC) for the Kansas City metropolitan area on June 24, 1999. The CPAC will first meet independently before convening a joint session with the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC.

The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology. The BBA requires the Secretary to create the CPAC to make recommendations on sites to be included in the demonstration and appropriate research designs for the project. The BBA also requires the Secretary to appoint AACs in the demonstration sites to advise on the implementation of the project. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The CPAC is scheduled to meet on June 24, 1999, from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., c.d.s.t. The CPAC will meet jointly with the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. the same day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Kansas City Airport Hilton, 8801 NW 112th Street, Kansas City, MO 64153, (816) 891-8900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Arnold, Ph.D., Executive Director, Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee, Health Care Financing Administration, 7500 Security Boulevard C4-14-17, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, (410) 786-6451 (for information about the CPAC). Richard P. Brummel, Deputy Regional Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration, Richard Bolling Federal Building, Room 235, 601 East 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106, (816)

426-5233 (for information about the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4011 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (BBA) (Pub. L. 105-33), requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to establish a demonstration project under which payments to Medicare+Choice organizations in designated areas are determined in accordance with a competitive pricing methodology. Section 4012(a) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint a Competitive Pricing Advisory Committee (the CPAC) to meet periodically and make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the designation of areas for inclusion in the project and appropriate research designs for implementation. The CPAC has previously met on May 7, 1998, June 24 and 25, 1998, September 23 and 24, 1998, October 28, 1998, January 6, 1999, and May 13, 1999.

The CPAC consists of 15 individuals who are independent actuaries, experts in competitive pricing and the administration of the Federal Employees Health Benefit Program, and representatives of health plans, insurers, employers, unions, and beneficiaries. The CPAC members are: James Cubbin, Executive Director, General Motors Health Care Initiative; Robert Berenson, M.D., Director, Center for Health Plans and Providers, Health Care Financing Administration; John Bertko, Actuary Principal, Reden & Anders, Ltd.; Dave Durenberger, Vice President, Public Policy Partners; Gary Goldstein, M.D., former CEO, The Oschner Clinic; Samuel Havens, Healthcare Consultant and Chairman of Health Scope/United; Margaret Jordan, President and CEO, The Margaret Jordan Group; Chip Kahn, President, The Health Insurance Association of America; Cleve Killingsworth, President, Health Alliance Plan; Nancy Kichak, Director, Office of Actuaries, Office of Personnel Management; Len Nichols, Principal Research Associate, The Urban Institute; Robert Reischauer, Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution; John Rother, Director, Legislation and Public Policy, American Association of Retired Persons; Andrew Stern, President, Service Employees International Union, AFL-CIO; and Jay Wolfson, Director, Florida Health Information Center, University of South Florida. The chairperson of the CPAC is James Cubbin and the co-chairperson is Robert Berenson, M.D. In accordance with section 4012(a)(5) of the BBA, the CPAC will terminate on December 31, 2004.

Section 4012(b) of the BBA requires the Secretary to appoint an Area Advisory Committee (AAC) in each demonstration site to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the project. Thus far, the CPAC has designated the Kansas City metropolitan area and Maricopa County in Arizona as demonstration sites. The Kansas City metropolitan area AAC has previously met on March 26, 1999, April 8, 1999, April 22, 1999, and May 12, 1999. The Maricopa County AAC has previously met on March 31, 1999, April 20, 1999, and May 18 and 19, 1999. Additional meetings for the Maricopa County AAC are scheduled for June 7 and 8, 1999.

The Kansas City metropolitan area AAC consists of 17 members who represent health plans, providers, and Medicare beneficiaries. The members of the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC are: E.J. Holland, Jr., Assistant Vice President for Corporate Benefits, Sprint; Robert Bonney, Vice President, Managed Care, St. Luke's Shawnee Mission PHO; Hazel Borders, beneficiary; Richard Brown, President and CEO, Health Midwest; Cynthia Finter, President and Executive Director, Kaiser Permanente, Kansas City Region; Tresia Franklin, Director of Benefits Administration, Hallmark Cards, Inc.; Alan Freeman, CEO, Cass Medical Center; Herman Johnson, beneficiary; John Kennedy, Senior Vice President of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas City; Mike Oxford, Executive Director, Topeka Independent Living Resource Center; Jean Rumbaugh, Vice President, Government Programs, HealthNet; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Commissioner; Zarina Shockley-Sparling, Executive Director, Humana, Inc.; Jan Stallmeyer, R.N., President, Principal Health Care of Kansas City, Inc.; Charles Van Way III, M.D., Metropolitan Medical Society; Barry Wilkinson, President (retired), Heavy Construction Workers Labor Local 663; and Esther Wolf, Associate, School of Social Welfare, University of Missouri at Kansas City. The chairperson of the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC is E.J. Holland, Jr.

The agenda for the June 24, 1999, meeting will include the following:

- In the morning, the CPAC will meet to review the status and any pending issues from the Maricopa County AAC, as well as review preliminary information on future demonstration site selection.
- In the afternoon, the CPAC and Kansas City metropolitan area AAC will meet in a joint session to discuss and decide how to measure disruption in the Kansas City market due to competitive

pricing and to develop a communication and education plan for Kansas City beneficiaries.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the CPAC agenda issues should contact Sharon Arnold, CPAC Executive Director, by 12 noon, June 16, 1999, to be scheduled. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the executive director no later than 12 noon, June 16, 1999. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the executive director by 12 noon, June 18, 1999.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on the Kansas City metropolitan area AAC agenda issues should contact Richard Brummel, Kansas City Deputy Regional Administrator, by 12 noon, June 16, 1999, to be scheduled. A written copy of the oral remarks should be submitted to the Kansas City Deputy Regional Administrator no later than 12 noon, June 16, 1999. Anyone who is not scheduled to speak may submit written comments to the Kansas City Deputy Regional Administrator by 12 noon, June 18, 1999.

The number of oral presentations may be limited by the time available. This meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

(Section 4012 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. 105-33 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23 note) and section 10(a) of Pub. L. 92-463 (5 U.S.C. App.2, section 10(a)).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.773, Medicare—Hospital Insurance; and Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: June 4, 1999.

Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (60 FR 56605 as amended November 6, 1995, as last amended at 64 FR 16977-80, dated April 7, 1999). This notice reflects the

changes in the functional statement in the Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Medicine.

Section RP-20-Function

Delete the functional statement in its entirety and replace with the following:

DIVISION OF MEDICINE (RP4)

Serves as the principal focus with regard to education, practice, and research of medical personnel; with special emphasis on allopathic and osteopathic and podiatric medicine, and closely associated assistants, particularly physician assistants. Specifically: (1) Provides professional expertise in the direction and leadership required by the Bureau for planning, coordinating, evaluating, and supporting development and utilization of the Nation's health personnel for these professions; (2) supports and conducts programs with respect to the need for and the development, use, credentialing, and distribution of such personnel; (3) engages with other Bureau programs in cooperative efforts of research, development, and demonstration on the interrelationships between the members of the health care team, their tasks, education requirements, and training modalities, credentialing and practice; (4) supports and encourages the planning, development, and operation of regionally integrated educational systems; (5) conducts and supports studies and evaluations of physician and podiatric personnel requirements, distribution and availability and cooperates with other components of the Bureau and Agency in such studies; (6) analyzes and interprets physician and podiatric programmatic data collected from a variety of sources; (7) conducts, supports, or obtains analytical studies to determine the present and future supply and requirements of physicians and podiatrists by specialty and geographic location, including the linkages between their training and practice characteristics; (8) conducts and supports studies to determine potential national goals for the distribution of physicians in graduate medical education programs and develops alternative strategies to accomplish these goals; (9) supports and conducts programs with respect to activities, associated with the international migration, domestic training, and utilization of foreign medical graduates and U.S. citizens studying abroad; (10) maintains liaison with relevant health professional groups and others, including consumers, having common interest in the Nation's capacity to deliver health services; and

(11) provides consultation and technical assistance to public and private organizations, agencies, and institutions, other agencies of the Federal Government, and international agencies and foreign governments, on all aspects of the Division's functions.

Section RP-30 Delegations of Authority

All delegations and redelegations of authority which were in effect immediately prior to the effective date hereof have been continued in effect in them or their successors pending further redelegation.

This reorganization is effective upon the date of signature.

Dated June 2, 1999.

Claude Earl Fox,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Council Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 23, 1999.

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Neuroscience Center, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd. Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Henry J. Haigler, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rm. 6150, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, 301-443-7216.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing